

REMARKS

Summary

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-29 and 35-36 have been rejected. Claims 30-34 are withdrawn, and claims 35-36 have been cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, claims 1-29 remain pending.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for removing the restriction requirement for claims 25-29 and for considering Applicant's amendments and remarks filed on October 18, 2005. Applicant further thanks the Examiner for the telephone interview on March 23, 2006.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In "Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102(e)," item 2 on page 2 of the above-identified Office Action, claims 1-11, 14-19, 21-23, 25-28, and 35-36 have been rejected as being fully anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,330,010 to *Nason et al.* (hereinafter "Nason") under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

The rejection of claims 35-36 is obviated by their cancellation.

Amended claim 1 now recites: "A method to be performed on a computer system having a display device including a display surface having a primary display area controllable by an operating system and an overscan area not controlled by the operating system, the method comprising:

reserving a first portion of the operating system controllable primary display area for exclusive use and control by a first program that is not part of the operating system; and

rendering contents in said reserved first portion of the operating system controllable primary display area, by said first program, excluding all other programs, including said operating system, from using or controlling said reserved first portion of operating system controllable primary display area."

In contrast, Nason merely teaches a "method for creating and accessing a graphical user interface in the overscan area outside the area of the display normally utilized by the common operating system." Only desktop 31, and not the overscan area 30, of Nason is controlled by the

operating system (see, e.g., Abstract and Fig. 2). The overscan area 30 is controlled by the video hardware (see, e.g., Fig. 2). But, no portion of desktop 31 of Nason (controllable by the operating system) is reserved for exclusive use and control by any program that is not part of the operating system, excluding all other programs, including the operating system, from using or controlling the reserved portion. Overscan area of Nason, on the other hand, is controlled by the video hardware, and not controlled by the operating system, even if we assume a portion may be reserved for exclusive use and control by a program that is not part of the operating system.

Accordingly, Nason fails to teach at least “reserving a first portion of the operating system controllable primary display area for exclusive use by a first program.”

Thus, Nason and the present invention teach away from each other. Therefore, for at least this reason, claim 1 is patentable over Nason.

Claims 14, 16, and 25 are independent claims having limitations similar to those of claim 1. Thus, for at least the same reasons, claims 14, 16, and 25 are patentable over Nason.

Claims 21-23 contain limitations similar to those of claims 1, 14 and 16. Thus, for at least the same reasons, claims 21-23 are patentable over Nason.

Claims 2-11, 15, 17-19, and 26-28 depend from claims 1, 14, 16, and 25, incorporating their recitations respectively. Thus, for at least the same reasons, claims 2-11, 15, 17-19, and 26-28 are patentable over Nason.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In “Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103,” on page 5 of the above-identified Office Action, claims 12-13, 20, 24, and 29 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Nason in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,583,793 to *Gould et al.* (hereinafter “Gould”) under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Gould fails to cure the above discussed deficiencies of Nason. Therefore, claims 1, 20, and 25 remain patentable over Nason even when combined with Gould.

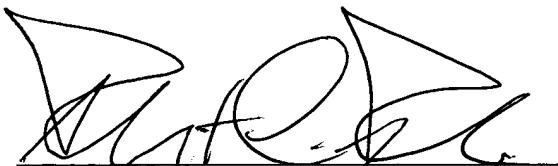
Claim 24 contains recitations similar to those of claim 20. Thus, for at least the same reasons, claim 24 is patentable over Nason.

Claims 12-13 and 29 depend from claims 1 and 25, respectively, incorporating their recitations. Thus, for at least the same reasons, claims 12-13, and 29 are patentable over Nason in view of Gould

Conclusion

Applicant submits that pending claims 1-29, are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present paper, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (206) 407-1513. If any fees are due in connection with this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 500393.

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